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EnviroAfrica(Overberg)

Via email: charel@enviroafrica.co.za / charelbruwersr@gmail.com

Attention: Charel Bruwer

Dear Charel

RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL AREA, RETIREMENT CENTRE, A FILLING STATION AND RETAIL SHOP AND OPEN SPACE ON ERF 878, RIEBEEK KASTEEL.

DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/6/7/1/F5/20/2011/24

Herewith CapeNature's comment on this application.

1. As demonstrated by the botanical assessment, Erf 878 does not contain representative Swartland Shale Renosterveld. Remaining remnants of natural vegetation are pioneer species and at most secondary vegetation. The botanical assessment is supported.
2. Provide a freshwater impact assessment considering the potential impacts on the Krom Rivier and potential wetland area as pointed in the botanical assessment. The freshwater assessment would need to determine the risk to the watercourses and wetlands and mitigation and avoidance measures for impacts identified that will affect the wetlands and watercourses.

CapeNature reserves the right to revise initial comments and request further information based on any additional information that may be received.

Kind regards,

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